

*Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters
Zoom Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
Professional Licensing Boards Division
Open Session Minutes*

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Registration for Foresters was held on **Tuesday, January 10, 2023** in person with the option of remote call in.

Present Board Members:

Brian Stone, Chairman
John Godbee
Grant Harvey
Jesse Johnson
Jim Langdale
Wade Hall, Vice Chairman

Absent Board Members:

None

Present Staff:

Darren Mickler - Executive Director
Ashley Foust – Licensure Supervisor
Alison Spencer – Assistant Attorney General
Logan Wilson – Board Support Specialist

Guests

None

Open Session

Chairman Brian Stone called the meeting to order at 9:44 a.m.

Approval of Open Session Minutes

The Board discussed HB 1479. Chairman Brian Stone briefed the Board on the Boards nonbinding recommendations for denial to move the Board over to Georgia Forestry Commission.

Chairman Brian Stone presented a draft of the October 27, 2022 Open Session Board Meeting minutes. Vice Chairman Wade Hall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Grant Harvey seconded the motion, and the vote carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the new Foresters application process document.

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Chairman Brian Stone made a few recommendations to be changed on the application. Vice Chairman Wade Hall made a motion for Darren Mickler to make the changes recommended by Chairman Brian Stone and send out the draft for the other Board members to review and submit changes by January 17, 2023. After the final draft is complete, Darren Mickler will send out the final draft to the Board by January 20, 2023. Jim Langdale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the proposed fee schedule. John Godbee made a motion for the Board to accept the fee schedule as presented. Jesse Johnson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed communications with stakeholders about changes to the fee schedule and the new application process. Darren Mickler will send verbiage out to the Board members by January 20, 2023 to review before sending the information to all stakeholders.

Executive Session

Jesse Johnson made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:24 a.m. in accordance with O.C.G.A.43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications, complaints, investigative matters, and to receive investigative reports. Grant Harvey seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were all those members present including Chairman Brian Stone, Vice Chairman Wade Hall, Grant Harvey, John Godbee, Jim Langdale and Jesse Johnson.

The Executive Session of the Georgia State Board of Registered Foresters meeting was closed at 10:40 a.m. and Chairman Brian Stone declared the Georgia State Board of Registered Foresters to be “open” pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq. The following Board Members were present: Chairman Brian Stone, Vice Chairman Wade Harvey, John Godbee, Grant Harvey, Jim Langdale and Jesse Johnson.

Open Session

Chairman Brian Stone declared the Board back in Open Session at 10:40 a.m.

Applicants:

The Board had no new/pending applications to discuss at this time.

Complaints:

The Board had no new/pending complaints to discuss at this time.

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Licenses Issued:

John Godbee made a motion and Grant Harvey seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the following licenses issued from October 27, 2022 – January 9, 2023.

license No	Licensee
RF003078	Jacob Williams Carmean
RF003079	Michael Kennedy Kantz

Attorney General’s Report:

Assistant Attorney General Alison Spencer presented the AG report during Executive Session. Wade Hall made a motion for the Board to accept the AG Report. Jim Langdale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director Report:

Executive Director Darren Mickler had no new/pending information to update the Board on at this time.

Executive Session Minutes:

Chairman Brian Stone presented a draft of the October 27, 2022 Executive Session Minutes. John Godbee made a motion for the Board to accept the minutes as presented. Jim Langdale seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

The Board discussed OCGA 12-6-49 (2) and to check on adding a section to define verbiage for “Board approved curriculum” to Board rules.

Chairman Brian Stone will reach out to past Board members Dale Greene and James Johnson regarding OCG 12-6-49 (2).

Grant Harvey made a motion for Darren Mickler will review pages 22 & 23 of the application and make sure it is an accurate reflection of the law. Darren Mickler will send the final review on January 20, 2023 to AG Alison Spencer to review the application in full. Jesse Johnson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Jesse Johnson made a motion for Wade Hall to serve as Chairman and Grant Harvey to serve as Vice Chairman for 2023. John Godbee seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Grant Harvey spoke regarding SAF accredited programs.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be held on April 11, 2023 at 9:30 a.m,

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Logan Wilson, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Darren Mickler, Executive Director

Brian Stone, Chairman
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These minutes were accepted on: April 11, 2023